GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:322
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2001
ASSISTANCE FROM JAPAN FOR DRINKING WATER IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a.) whether Japan is ready to extend help in providing drinking water in rural areas of the country;
(b.) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise;
(c.) whether the Union Government have asked the State Governments to send proposals for the implementation of drinking water projects in the rural areas with the assistance of Japan;
(d.) if so, the details in this regard State-wise; and
(e.) the extent to which the problem of drinking water is likely to be solved in the rural areas thereby?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to lok sabha starred question no. 322 for reply on 20. 03. 2001

(a)&(b): Since 1998, Government of Japan has not agreed to provide assistance for anynew project relating to drinking water in rural areas.

(c)&(d.): From time to time, Government of India seeks proposals from StateGovernments for external funding in various sectors, including drinking water in rural areas. However, in view of the aforesaid, no new proposals are presently being sought from State Governments for funding by Japan.

(e): In so far as projects relating to drinking water in rural areas approved before the aforesaid Japanese sanction is concerned, one project namely OECF aided Kerala Water Supply Project-IDP-123 has been approved by the then Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), Japan (now, Japan Bank for International Cooperation) in 1997 for assistance. The total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1,787.45 crores. Under the project, it is expected that 58 villages, including semi-urban villages, along with other urban areas will be benefited.